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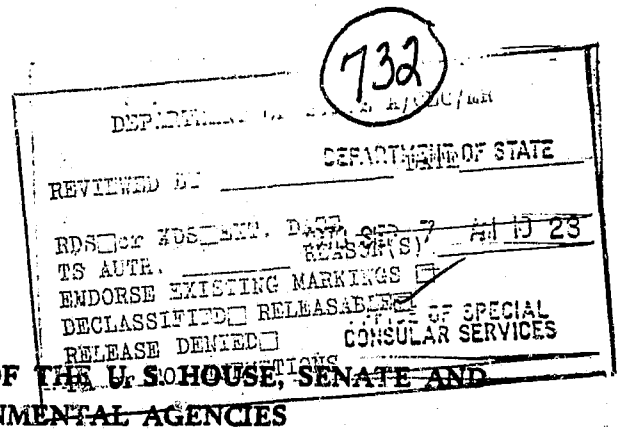

OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS OF THE U.S. HOUSE, SENATE AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

The Peoples Temple Agricultural Project, Jonestown, in Guyana, South America, has been highly acclaimed the past year by a wide range of officials and professionals who have visited, as well as numerous relatives of persons residing on the Project--people who are in no way affiliated with the Peoples Temple Christian Church, but are enthusiastic about the vanguard cooperative where their loved ones have chosen to build a new life.

Enclosed is a new brochure, "...A Feeling of Freedom...", which was compiled from photographs of members of the Project, and scores of on-site commentaries, both from residents and visitors. Visitors have been amazed at the very high quality of life that has been attainable there, a virtually modern town hewn out of a dense jungle. A hospital is being planned, and the fully-equipped medical clinic is already staffed with medical personnel representing many specialties.

Though distorted and sensational news coverage has given the Temple membership a distrust toward certain elements in the media, the Temple has been making a concerted effort to invite objective representatives of the U. S. media to see the Project firsthand and speak with residents. Various journalists and free-lancers who write for papers including the San Francisco Chronicle and Examiner, the New York Times and the San Francisco Sun-Reporter, have been invited as well as the television media, such as KTVU--Oakland, California. All of those invited have expressed interest, but none have been able to make it so far.

Jonestown, of course, is attracting a great deal of attention for its agricultural work, which is contributing significantly to developing methods of producing food in newly cleared jungle areas. We are proud to help build international goodwill in this unique manner, and are open to inquiries from our government, the United Nations, and other interested parties. Hopefully, it will soon be possible to have more documentation of the Project through media representatives.

Sincerely yours,
MEMBERS OF PEOPLES TEMPLE

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